

## Iowan pleads in student loan case

DAVENPORT — The last of nine former employees of a U.S. Department of Education contractor charged with unlawfully viewing President Obama's student loan records has pleaded guilty.

Andrew Lage of Iowa City pleaded guilty Thursday in U.S. District Court in Davenport to exceeding authorized computer access.

Lage and the other defendants worked at the Coralville office of Vangent Inc. when they viewed Obama's student loan records while he was either a candidate for president, president-elect, or president.

Eight pleaded guilty. One went to trial and was convicted.

Lage faces up to one year prison and a \$100,000 fine. Sentencing is set for Dec. 13.

Three defendants have been sentenced. Two have received one year probation.

The third was sentenced to community service.

A telephone message left Friday for Lage's attorney was not immediately returned.

## Decision nears on ethanol limits

WASHINGTON — Government approval for some use of a higher ethanol blend in gasoline could come by mid-October.

Test results on 2007 and newer vehicles will be ready by the end of this month. The Environmental Protection Agency should decide two weeks later whether to allow those cars and trucks to run on as much as 15 percent ethanol, a blend known as E15, said Lisa Jackson, agency administrator. The current limit for conventional vehicles is 10 percent.

Energy Department tests on 2001 to 2006 vehicles won't be done until the end of the year. That delays a

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